

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Needwood Farm Tenant House, 130 Brick House Lane, Centerville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland Survey Number: QA-353

Project: Bell Atlantic Mobile Tower Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: no X yes Name Michael Day and Anne Bruder Date December 16, 1999

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Needwood Farm Tenant House (MIHP #QA-353) is a contributing elements of a late nineteenth century agricultural site which includes barns, other outbuildings, and the fields which surround the standing structures. The Tenant House is a three bay, 2-1/2-story center single pile building with a side-gable metal roof, and a center chimney. The exterior of the building is brick and the windows are six over six in the second story and nine over six in the first, under jack arches. The building has a shed-roof front porch set on high masonry piers. There is at least one basement entry on the front façade of the building. The photographs from 1978 indicate that there has been infilling of several openings on the rear of the building. However, the property appears to retain good integrity through the elements of location, design, setting, feeling and association. Furthermore, the Farm's integrity as a whole is also quite strong, thus enabling it to meet National Register Criterion A, as an example of nineteenth and twentieth century agricultural site, and Criterion C, as architectural examples from the same time period, with the period of significance dating from 1865 to 1930.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files and MIHP Forms

Prepared by: Orlando Ridout V (1978) and Anne Bruder (1999)

Anne E. Bruder January 10, 2000
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

B. Kuntz 2/29/00
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- ☒ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

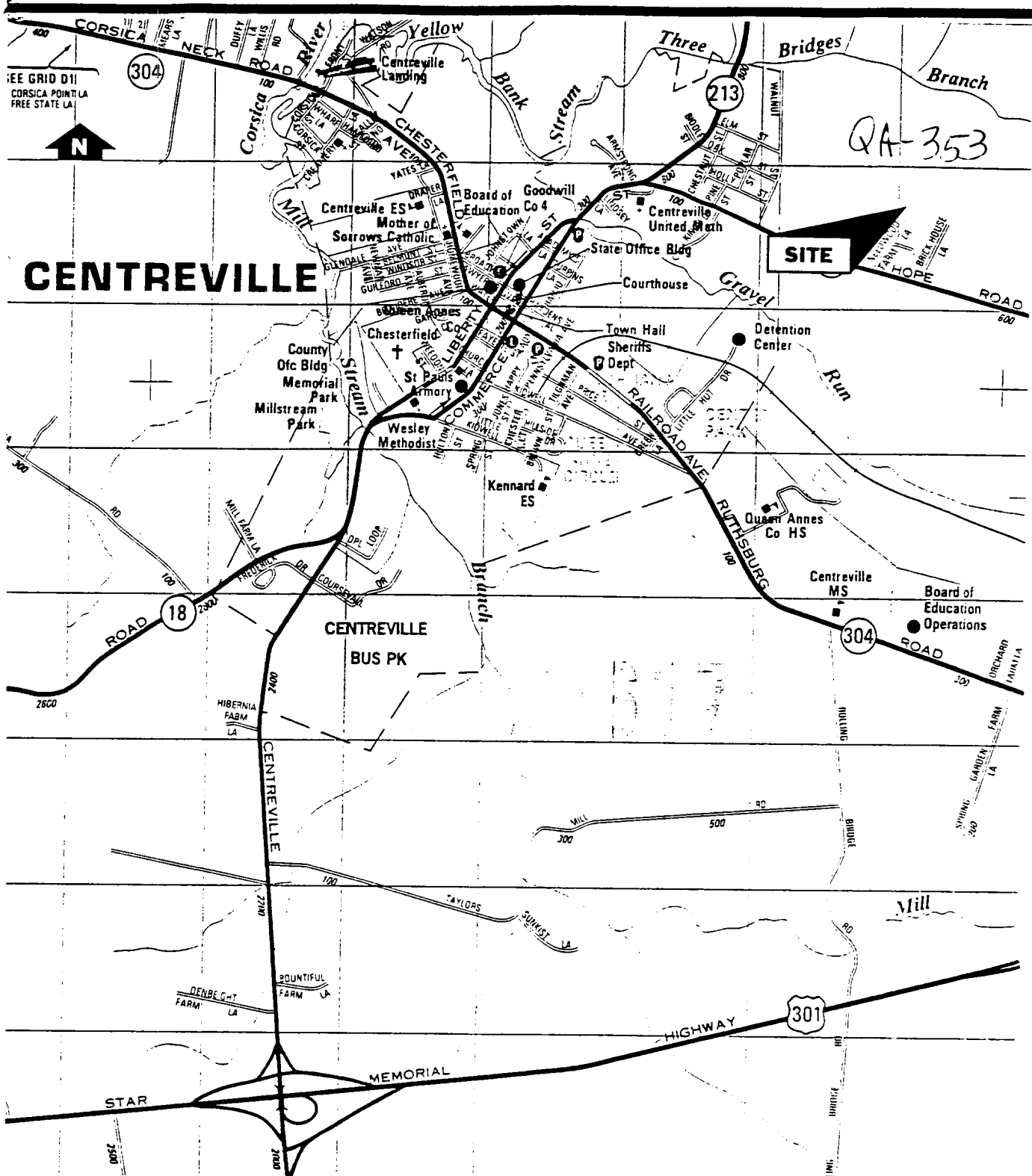
- ☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☒ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Agricultural site
 Historic Environment: Rural
 Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Single Family Dwelling and Farm
 Known Design Source: Unknown



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SITE LOCATION MAP **CROWN ATLANTIC** **CENTREVILLE CELL SITE**

Queen Anne's County, Maryland

SCALE 1"=2000'±	DATE October 1999	DRAWN BY ADC	DESIGN BY SJS	REVIEW BY GTA	JOB NO. 99451
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Needwood Tenant House

Centreville vicinity

Private

3rd quarter 19th century

This building has often been described as a slave quarter, at least in part due to a newspaper article published in the early part of this century. Dating evidence, however, tends to suggest a date no earlier than 1850, and more likely post-dating the Civil War and the abolishment of slavery. There can be little doubt that this house was constructed specifically to house tenants on the farm, and more than likely these early occupants were black.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Needwood

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Md. Rt. 305 approx. 1/2 mile east of Md. Rt. 213

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Centreville

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph S. Quimby

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: NBW 8

Folio #: 231

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Needwood is situated on the north side of Maryland Route 305 approximately one-half mile east of Maryland Route 213. The farm is located on high ground between Gravel Run and Three Bridges Branch. Buildings include a Victorian farmhouse surrounded by very large trees, several late farm buildings, and a brick tenant house.

The tenant house is located due east of the main house, and faces south. It is two stories high on a raised foundation, with a moderately pitched gable roof and a central stove chimney. The walls are laid in seven-course bond.

The principal door is located in the center bay on the south facade. It is closely flanked by a pair of nine-over-six windows, with two more nine-over-six windows more widely spaced in the east and west bays. There are three six-over-six windows on the second floor, one directly above the door and one above the east and west windows on the first floor. A bulkhead entrance to the cellar is located in the west bay of this facade, and one six-light cellar window remains in the

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Although relatively plain in construction and appearance, this is an unusual example of a brick tenant house in Queen Anne's County. Further details of interest include the granite door sill, the single-course corbeled cornice, and the unusual fenestration of the front facade.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

11/16/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

east bay. Bricked-up openings indicate there were originally two similar windows below the two middle first floor windows. An open, shed-roof porch covers the middle three bays on the first floor. The main cornice is very simple, with the rafter ends boxed in, and a plain fascia board applied against a single corbeled course of brick. This forms a drip cap reminiscent of the more elaborate brick cornices that were commonly found during the second quarter of the 19th century.

The gable ends are extremely plain. There is a single six-over-six window in the center of the second floor at each end. The plain cornice is carried up the gable eaves, but does not return at the gables. A simple tapered board serves as a fascia board below the soffit.

The fenestration was originally symmetrical on the rear facade, with three six-light cellar windows, three nine-over-six windows on the first floor, and three six-over-six windows on the second floor. The center window on the first floor and all three cellar windows have subsequently been bricked up, however. The cornice is identical to the front facade.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

The interior was originally laid out as a two room plan, with the larger hall to the west. It has been altered considerably, however, and is presently divided into an awkward variation of a center hall plan. A partition has been added to the west of the entrance door, interrupting one front window, and creating a dark hall cluttered by a chimney and a rear stairway to the second floor. The stairway cuts across the center window at the rear, and consequently this was bricked up. The chimney served wood stoves in both rooms, and when the later partition was added a stove pipe was installed across the hall and through the new partition, allowing a wood stove to be used in the west room.

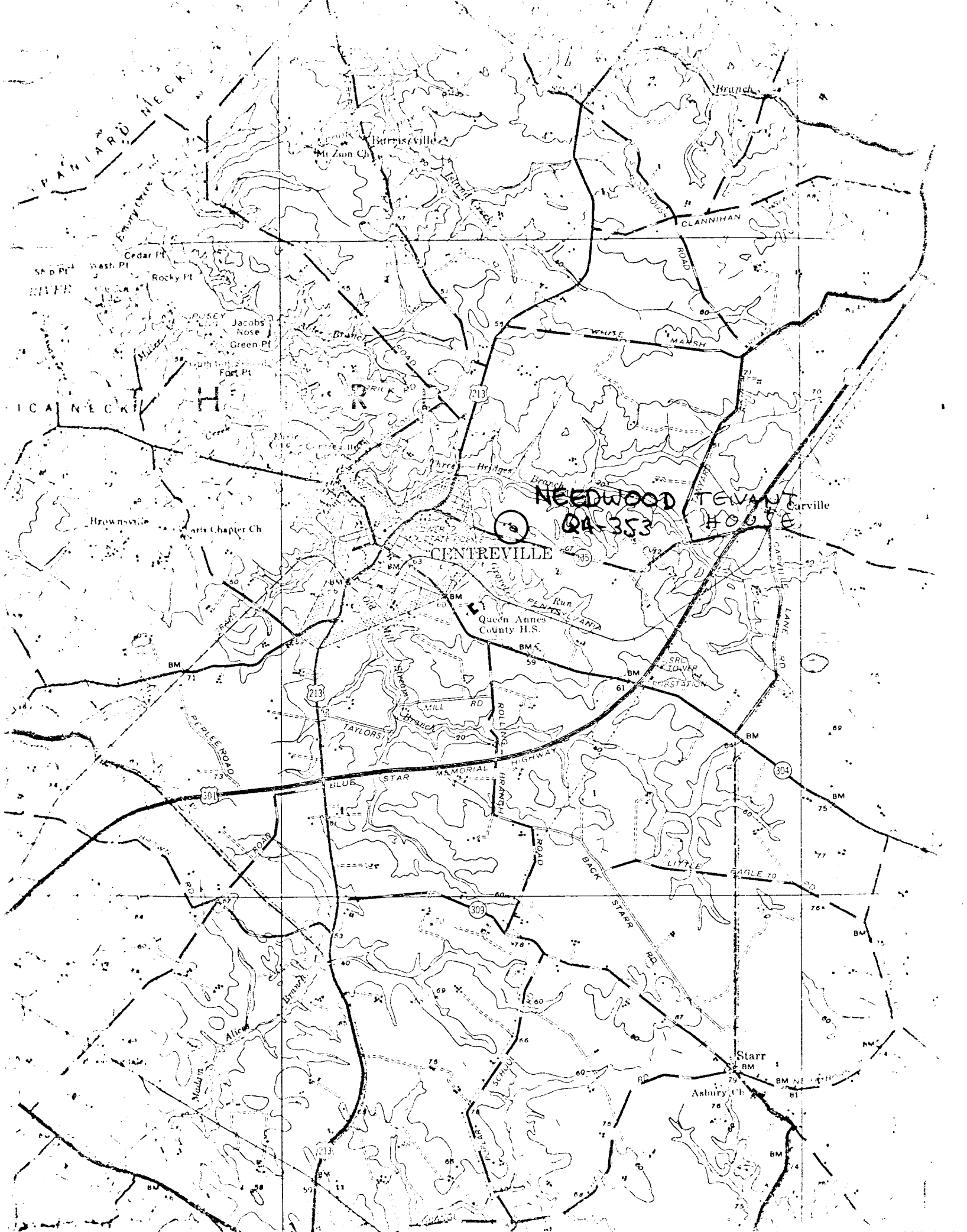
The exact location of the original stair is not clear. The only area where flooring has been disturbed on the second floor is on the south side of the chimney. This appears to be an unlikely stair location, so it must be assumed that the earlier stair was in the same general location as at present. An interior stair to the cellar is located under the main stair, and is reached through a door in the west wall of the east room.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

The second floor is presently divided into four rooms and a stair hall. This appears to be the original plan, as there is no evidence of wall changes. The partition between the two south rooms does cross what appears to be a repair to the floor, however, so this may be later.

The cellar is not divided by partition walls. The chimney base rises in the center, with the interior stair to the first floor located behind the chimney. With the cellar door open, and light coming in through the east window on the south wall, the cellar is surprisingly bright and airy. When all six windows were functional, this must have been an exceptionally pleasant cellar.



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Needwood Tenant
House

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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